

Serial No. 10/023,120**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 8. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed action and helpful remarks to advance the prosecution of the application.

In response to the objection to the drawings, enclosed is a replacement sheet with the notation "YES" and "NO" added to the arrows leading from decision block 120, as suggested in the Office Action. Entry of the replacement sheet and withdrawal of the objection are earnestly solicited.

In response to the claim objections, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant's claims have been amended accordingly to correct the minor informalities as noted in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

According to the Office Action, claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In response, claim 19 has been amended to overcome the lack of antecedent basis rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Further according to the Office Action, claims 9 and 15 – 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Published Application US 2004/0141522 (Texerman). Further according to the Office Action, claims 19 – 22, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Texerman. Still further according to the Office Action, claims 1 – 8 are allowable over the prior art, and claims 10 – 14, 18 and 23 – 25 contain allowable subject matter.

To conclude the prosecution of the application in order to expedite issuance of the patent and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, Applicant amends independent claims 9 and 19 to include the allowable subject matter. The application is

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now believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully requested.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. If there are any questions, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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